

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-7, 9-15, 22, 24-36, 39, 40, 42, and 48 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for initiating a packet-based service session for a communication group in a mobile communication system, the method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

- composing, in an originating mobile terminal, a triggering message indicating a communication group comprising, in addition to the originating mobile terminal, at least one first mobile terminal, the terminals of the communication group having unforeseen attachment statuses relative to a packet data network belonging to the mobile communication system;

- sending ~~[[a]]~~ the triggering message to the at least one first mobile terminal ~~of a mobile communication system, the triggering message including information about a packet-based service session to be started;~~

- receiving the triggering message in the at least one first mobile terminal; and

- in response to the receiving ~~step~~, bringing at least one of the at least one first mobile terminal to a state allowing reception of packets from the packet data network, the packets belonging to [[the]] a packet-based service session from a packet data network belonging to the mobile communication system of the communication group.

2. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the bringing ~~step~~ includes establishing a connection from the at least one of the at least one first mobile

terminal to the packet data network.

3. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the bringing ~~step~~ includes registering at least one user of the at least one of the at least one first mobile terminal with a server offering the packet-based service session.

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 2, wherein the bringing ~~step~~ further includes registering at least one user of the at least one of the at least one first mobile terminal with a server offering the packet-based service session.

5. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 3, wherein said registering ~~step~~ comprises registering with the server, in which the server comprises a push-to-talk-over-cellular server.

6. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 4, wherein said registering ~~step~~ comprises registering with the server, in which the server comprises a push-to-talk-over-cellular server.

7. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said sending ~~step~~ comprises sending the triggering message to the at least one first mobile terminal along a path that fails to include the packet data network.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said sending ~~step~~ comprises sending the triggering message, in which the packet-based service session comprises a session of a push-to-talk-over-cellular service.

10. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said sending ~~step~~ comprises sending the triggering message, in which the triggering message comprises a short message service message.

11. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the sending ~~step~~ comprises indicating a starting time for the packet-based service session in the ~~information~~ triggering message.

12. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 11, wherein said bringing ~~step~~ comprises performing the bringing step substantially at said starting time.

13. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said bringing ~~step~~ comprises performing the bringing ~~step~~ substantially without delay in response to the receiving ~~step~~.

14. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said sending step comprises sending the triggering message, in which the triggering message comprises a multimedia message service message.

15. (Currently Amended) A system for initiating a packet-based service session for a communication group in a mobile communication system, the system comprising:

- message composing means in an originating mobile terminal, the message composing means being configured to compose a triggering message indicating a communication group comprising, in addition to the originating mobile terminal, at least one first mobile terminal, the terminals of the communication group having unforeseen attachment statuses relative to a packet data network belonging to the mobile communication system;

- first means ~~for sending~~ configured to send a triggering message to the at least one first mobile terminal ~~of a mobile communication system, the triggering message including information about a packet-based service session to be started;~~

- second means ~~for receiving~~ configured to receive the triggering message in the at least one first mobile terminal; and

- third means, responsive to the second means, ~~for bringing~~ configured to bring the at least one first mobile terminal to a state allowing reception of packets from the packet data network, the packets belonging to [[the]] a packet-based service session ~~from a packet data network belonging to the mobile communication system of the communication group.~~

16. (Original) A system according to claim 15, wherein the third means are configured to establish a connection from a mobile terminal to the packet data network if the mobile terminal is in a disconnected state with respect to the packet data network when the mobile terminal is to be brought to said state, wherein the mobile terminal is any of the at least one first mobile terminal.

17. (Original) A system according to claim 15, wherein the third means are configured to register at least one user of the at least one first mobile terminal with a server offering the packet-based service session.

18. (Original) A system according to claim 16, wherein the third means are further configured to register a user of said mobile terminal with a server offering the packet-based service session.

19. (Original) A system according to claim 17, wherein the server comprises a push-to-talk-over-cellular server.

20. (Original) A system according to claim 18, wherein the server comprises a push-to-talk-over-cellular server.

21. (Original) A system according to claim 15, wherein the first means are

configured to send the triggering message along a path that fails to include the packet data network.

22. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 15, wherein the triggering message indicates a starting time for the packet-based service session ~~first means reside in at least one second mobile terminal of the mobile communication system.~~

23. (Original) A system according to claim 15, wherein the packet data network comprises a general packet radio service network.

24. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 15, wherein the first means are configured to send a short message service message as the triggering message.

25. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 15, wherein the first means are configured to send a multimedia message service message as the triggering message.

26. (Currently Amended) A method for initiating a packet-based service session for a communication group in a mobile communication system, the method comprising the steps of:

- receiving a ~~triggering message~~ in a mobile terminal belonging to a communication group ~~[[of]]~~ in a mobile communication system, ~~[[the]]~~ a triggering

message ~~including information about a packet-based service session to be started~~ indicating the communication group;

- in response to the receiving, bringing the mobile terminal to a state ~~in response to the receiving step~~, thereby allowing reception of packets from a packet data network belonging to the mobile communication system, the packets belonging to ~~[[the]]~~ a packet-based service session ~~from a packet data network belonging to the mobile communication system~~ of the communication group.

27. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 26, wherein the bringing step includes establishing a connection to the packet data network.

28. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 26, wherein the bringing step includes registering a user of the mobile terminal with a server offering the packet-based service session.

29. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 27, wherein the bringing step further includes registering a user of the mobile terminal with a server offering the packet-based service session.

30. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 28, wherein said registering step comprises registering with the server, in which the server comprises a push-to-talk-

over-cellular server.

31. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 29, wherein said registering step comprises registering with the server, in which the server comprises a push-to-talk-over-cellular server.

32. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 26, wherein said receiving step comprises receiving the triggering message from such part of the mobile communication system, which fails to include the packet data network.

33. (Currently Amended) A mobile terminal for a mobile communication system including a packet data network, the mobile terminal comprising:

- first interface ~~means for receiving~~ unit configured to receive a triggering message, the triggering message ~~including information about a packet-based service session to be started~~ indicating a communication group to which the mobile terminal belongs;

- state transition ~~means~~ unit, operatively connected to the first interface ~~means~~ unit, ~~for bringing~~ configured to bring, in response to the triggering message, the mobile terminal to a state allowing reception of packets ~~belonging to the packet-based service session from~~ the packet data network, the packets belonging to a packet-based service session of the mobile communication system group.

34. (Currently Amended) A mobile terminal according to claim 33, wherein the state transition ~~means are~~ unit is configured to establish a connection to the packet data network if the mobile terminal comprises a disconnected state with respect to the packet data network when the mobile terminal is to be brought to said state.

35. (Currently Amended) A mobile terminal according to claim 33, wherein the state transition ~~means are~~ unit is configured to register a user of the mobile terminal with a server offering the packet-based service session.

36. (Currently Amended) A mobile terminal according to claim 34, wherein the state transition ~~means are~~ unit is further configured to register a user of the mobile terminal with a server offering the packet-based service session.

37. (Original) A mobile terminal according to claim 35, wherein the server comprises a push-to-talk-over-cellular server.

38. (Original) A mobile terminal according to claim 36, wherein the server comprises a push-to-talk-over-cellular server.

39. (Currently Amended) A mobile terminal according to claim 33, wherein the information-triggering message indicates a starting time for the packet-based service

session, the state transition ~~means~~ unit configured to bring the mobile terminal to said state substantially at said starting time.

40. (Currently Amended) A mobile terminal according to claim 33, wherein the state transition ~~means~~ are unit is configured to bring the mobile terminal to said state substantially without delay in response to the triggering message.

41. (Original) A mobile terminal according to claim 33, wherein the first interface means fail to provide an interface to the packet data network.

42. (Currently Amended) A mobile terminal for a mobile communication system including a packet data network, the mobile terminal comprising:

- message composing means configured to compose a triggering message indicating a communication group comprising, in addition to the mobile terminal, at least one first mobile terminal, the terminals of the communication group having unforeseen attachment statuses relative to the packet data network;

- first interface means for sending ~~[[a]]~~ the triggering message to ~~a mobile communication system, the triggering message including information about a packet-based service session to be started~~ another mobile terminal belonging to the communication group;

- state transition means, operatively connected to the first interface means, for bringing the terminal to a state allowing reception of packets ~~belonging to the packet-based~~

~~service session~~ from ~~[[a]]~~ the packet data network, the packets belonging to a packet-based service session of the mobile communication system group.

43. (Original) A mobile terminal according to claim 42, wherein the state transition means are configured to establish a connection to the packet data network if the mobile terminal comprises a disconnected state with respect to the packet data network when the mobile terminal is to be brought to said state.

44. (Original) A mobile terminal according to claim 42, wherein the state transition means are configured to register a user of the mobile terminal with a server offering the packet-based service session.

45. (Original) A mobile terminal according to claim 43, wherein the state transition means are further configured to register a user of the mobile terminal with a server offering the packet-based service session.

46. (Original) A mobile terminal according to claim 44, wherein the server comprises a push-to-talk-over-cellular server.

47. (Original) A mobile terminal according to claim 45, wherein the server comprises a push-to-talk-over-cellular server.

48. (Currently Amended) A mobile terminal according to claim 42, wherein the ~~information-triggering message~~ indicates a starting time for the packet-based service session, the state transition means configured to bring the mobile terminal to said state substantially at said starting time.

49. (Original) A mobile terminal according to claim 42, wherein the state transition means are configured to bring the mobile terminal to said state substantially without delay in response to the triggering message.

50. (Original) A mobile terminal according to claim 42, wherein the first interface means fail to provide an interface to the packet data network.

51. (New) A method according to claim 1, further comprising prompting a user of a mobile terminal to accept the packet-based service session, wherein the mobile terminal is any of the at least one first mobile terminal.

52. (New) A system according to claim 15, further comprising means configured to prompt a user of a mobile terminal to accept the packet-based service session, wherein the mobile terminal is any of the at least one first mobile terminal.

53. (New) A method according to claim 26, wherein the triggering message indicates a starting time for the packet-based service session.

54. (New) A method according to claim 26, further comprising prompting a user of the mobile terminal to accept the packet-based service session.

55. (New) A mobile terminal according to claim 33, further comprising prompting means configured to prompt a user of the mobile terminal to accept the packet-based service session.